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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, applicants offer no amendment of claims 1 to 16, 19 and 20 as presently pending since it is not considered necessary to do so because, it is respectfully submitted, the claims define an invention which is both novel and non-obvious having regard to the prior art references of record.